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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Community Historical Review Advisory Committee
(CHRAC) Meeting(b)(2)
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1. Pursuant to Executive Order 12958, "Classification of National Security Information," The Director of Central Intelligence issued a policy statement on 4 December 1995 directing that a Community Historical Review Advisory Committee (CHRAC) be established. The primary purpose of the Committee is to develop a Community-wide list of topics of historical and scholarly interest to be used to guide the declassification programs of the Intelligence Community. The first meeting of the newly constituted Community Historical Review Advisory Committee was held on 9 May. An updated list of the membership of the Committee is attached (see Enclosure 1).

2. The meeting began with agency representatives introducing themselves and briefly discussing the declassification programs of their home components. This was followed by a discussion of a draft DCI Directive titled "The Intelligence Community Historical Review Program." The DCID establishes the CHRAC, defines the role of the Center for the Study of Intelligence in the historical review process, lays out the functions of the CHRAC and the responsibilities of the Intelligence Community in the process, and explains the role of the DCI's Historical Review Panel vis-à-vis the CHRAC. The DCID was accepted by the Community with changes as outlined in the draft passed out at the table and the addition of the Central Imagery Office(CIO) to the list of members. It will be sent out for final Community approval in the next few weeks.

3. A lively discussion then ensued as to how to develop a Community-wide list of subjects of special historical or scholarly value for declassification. After much discussion, it was decided that agency representatives would vet the subject with the proper officials in their home components. Each is to prepare a memorandum on the subject, with a possible list of topics and any concerns and suggestions, and forward it to [REDACTED] the Chairman of the CHRAC, by 29 May. The memos will be sent out to the CHRAC's membership in advance of the next meeting to serve as the basis for discussion.

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4. The next meeting of the CHRAC is scheduled for 13 June in the Ames building in Rosslyn. An agenda and other information will be forwarded well in advance of the meeting.

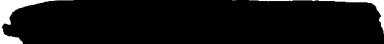
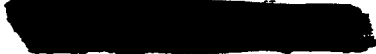
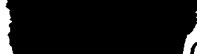


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